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LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A weather strip having an extrusion portion, and a molded portion connected to the extrusion portion, the weather strip comprising:

a mounting base portion attachable to an opening portion or a door circumferential edge of a vehicle;

a seal portion that is integrally formed with the mounting base portion and has a hollow portion;

a slit through which a core mold is removed in a molding process of the weather strip, wherein the slit is formed in the mounting base portion, wherein the slit divides the mounting base portion into a first engaged portion and a second engaged portion, and wherein the first engaged portion and the second engaged portion are opposed to one another across the slit; and

at least one blocking member, wherein the blocking member comprises:

a base portion;

an insertion portion, which projects from the base portion and which is to be fitted into the slit; and

an engaging projection, which projects from the base portion and which is to be engaged with at least one of the first engaged portion and the second engaged portion ~~the mounting base portion opposed to each other across the slit,~~

wherein the blocking member blocks a predetermined zone of the slit by simultaneously clamping and locking the mounting base portion at least in a direction of width thereof.

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2. (Currently amended) A weather strip according to claim 1, ~~wherein the engaging projection is formed in such a way as to project in parallel with the insertion portion; and~~
~~a fitting groove, into which an associated engaging projection is fitted, is formed in the mounting base portion wherein each of the first engaged portion and the second engaged portion~~
is a fitting groove.

3. (Currently amended) A weather strip according to claim 1, wherein the blocking member further comprises:

a lock portion locked on an inner surface of the mounting base portion facing the hollow portion; and

a pair of sandwich-holding portions constituted by the base portion ~~in one on one end~~ thereof and the lock portion ~~in another on another end thereof~~, between which the insertion portion is located, for sandwiching the mounting base portion.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously presented) A weather strip according to claim 1,

wherein the blocking member has the base portion, which constitutes a part of the mounting base portion at a mounting face side of the mounting base portion when the blocking member is attached to the weather strip,

wherein the blocking member has a lock portion locked on an inner surface of the mounting base portion facing the hollow portion; and

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wherein the blocking member is attached to the weather strip so that the base portion is substantially flush with a mounting face of the mounting base portion.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) A weather strip according to claim 5, wherein:

a tapered surface is formed on the lock portion at an end side of the blocking member.

8. (Previously presented) A weather strip according to claim 1, wherein:

the insertion portion of the block member is formed so that thickness of the insertion portion is greater than width of the slit, which extends in a longitudinal direction of the weather strip;

a pair of opposed concave portions is in the weather strip, and wherein one of the concave portions of said pair is formed in opposed opening face portions of the slit at a place at which the insertion portion is fitted into the slit, such that a gap between the opposed concave portions corresponds to the thickness of the insertion portion.

9. (Currently amended) A weather strip according to claim 1, wherein the block member is one of a plurality of identical block members arranged in a longitudinal direction of the weather strip, each of which has the engaging projection ~~that is like a ring so as to be engaged with a pair of arc-shaped fitting grooves interposing the slit on the mounting base portion, and~~

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wherein the first and second engaged portions are fitting grooves, and the engaging projection is ring-like and engages the fitting grooves while straddling the slit.